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SUBJECT: SHIPPING: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES:  
CHAIRMANSHIP OF WG III ON IMPLEMENTATION

1. AT RECENTLY CONCLUDED PARIS MEETING OF OECD- MTC SPECIAL  
GROUP ON UNCTAD IT WAS AGREED THAT GROUP B COUNTRIES SHOULD  
MAKE EFFORT TO HAVE POST OF CHAIRMAN WG III ON IMPLEMENTA-  
TION OFFERED TO PROFESSOR ERLING SELVIG OF NORWAY. AT  
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FIRST SESSION OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE POST WAS HELD BY F. CASTILLO NAJERA ( MEXICO). HOWEVER, WE ARE REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT CASTILLO DOES NOT WISH TO ACCEPT POST FOR SECOND SESSION.

2. SPECIAL GROUP AWARE LATIN AMERICANS AND/ OR GROUP OF 77 MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP POST, BUT CONSIDERED THAT AVAILABILITY OF PROFESSOR SELVIG SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO LDCS AND UNCTAD SECRETARIAT. SUGGESTED STRATEGY WOULD HAVE GROUP B PERMANENT REPS IN GENEVA INFORMALLY ADVISE THEIR LDC COUNTERPARTS AND SECRETARIAT THAT PROFESSOR SELVIG WILLING ACCEPT WG III CHAIRMANSHIP. ( SUBSEQUENTLY IN TELECON MAY 17 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT DEPT OFF MENTIONED TO CASTILLO AVAILABILITY OF SELVIG FOR WG III CHAIRMANSHIP. CASTILLO REITERATED OWN DISINCLINATION TO CONTINUE IN POST, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFO, BUT STATED STRONG DOUBT THAT GROUP OF 77 WOULD GIVE UP WG III POST.)

3. PROFESSOR SELVIG HAS PARTICIPATED IN NUMBER OF UNCTAD MEETINGS AND IS WELL KNOWN TO LDC' S AND SECRETARIAT. IT CAN BE POINTED OUT THAT: ( A) HE IS INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF TOP EXPERTS IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW; ( B) HE IS LIBERAL, OBJECTIVE AND HARD- WORKING AS EVIDENCED BY HIS WORK ON REVISION OF HAGUE RULES; ( C) HE IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH MANY PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES; ( D) HE HAS EXPERIENCE CHAIRING INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS; AND ( E) HIS PRESENCE IN CHAIR WILL ADD PRESTIGE TO AND EXPEDITE WORK OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. WE BELIEVE SELVIG AS CHAIRMAN WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FROM STANDPOINT OF U. S. INTERESTS.

4. FOR GENEVA: MISSION IS REQUESTED TO MAKE WHATEVER EFFORTS IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE TO SUPPORT CHAIRMANSHIP FOR PROFESSOR SELVIG.

5. FOR LONDON: WE UNDERSTAND UK HAS EXPRESSED SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT SELVIG' S CANDIDACY. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO RAISE MATTER INFORMALLY WITH MCQUEEN AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER UK STILL SUPPORTS GROUP B POSITION PARAS. 1 AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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